



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Tomoaki HOSHINO et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1644**

Serial No.: **10/695,875**

Examiner: **Aniruddho R. Chaudhuri**

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For: **PREVENTIVE OR THERAPEUTIC AGENTS FOR DERMATITIS OR
ALOPECIA, EVALUATION METHOD OF THE AGENTS, AND
TRANSGENIC MOUSE**

Attorney Docket Number: **032079**

Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated November 17, 2004.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group I, Claims (7-9), Group II, Claims (7-9), Group III, Claims (7-9), Group IV, Claims (7-9), Group V, Claims (7-9), Group VI, Claims (7-9), Group VII, Claims (7-9), Group VIII, Claims (7-9), Group IX, Claims (7-9) and Group X, Claims (7-9).

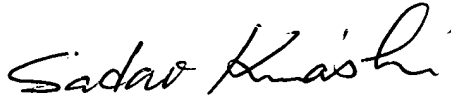
Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, Claims (7-9) for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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